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hello, I am a simple person.

I say this because I'm not a computer expert. I'm a
college student. I'm a student who, because of the college
I attend, am forced to use Microsoft products. I
personally think that Microsoft is a threat to not only the
American people, but the world at large. Their anti-
competitive practices has killed more than their share of
competitors. When I was in high school, I got my first
computer. I also for the first time had access to the
internet. I used WordPerfect by Corel (killed by office) to
write my first web page, which was written to work well in
Netscape (killed by IE). I bring this up because these are
two examples of an instance where I personally was affected
by Microsoft. Both of these programs had great futures,
but Microsoft's greed cut them short.
I've noticed that even the less computer savvy users are
starting to notice that Microsoft has gone too far.
however, I noticed most are apathetic towards the thought
of doing anything about it. So I've decided to throw in my
two cents.
Short of complete dissolution, Microsoft will always be a
threat due to the amount of wealth they've amassed. They'll
always be able to buy less than honest politicians. They'll
outlast or stall past different presidencies until they
find one to their liking. I believe that the best
alternative is to knock the company down from it's pedestal
would be the best course of action. How?
1). break them into 3 or more smaller companies.
2). force them to open current and future API's (how the
programs talk together)
3). force them to make current and future formats open.

The third one is most important to me. each version of
Word has used a different saving format, making it
impossible for competitors to keep up.

To backtrack a little to how Microsoft could hurt the
public, Security is one of the first things to come to
mind. there are more virii written for Microsoft office
than any other single application I can think of.
Microsoft's code is so buggy that even their "upgraded"
version of a sound player is a security risk. Even our own
government is writing virii (magic lantern) for the windows

OS family.

No one is invincible: Microsoft shouldn't be either.
now's your chance to stop them.

Please put them in their place or they WILL replace our
government with a digital dictatorship that has more power
than any one government. as is, the already set more
standards that we realize, and have more economical and
political power than any one person will ever will.

Sincerely,
Jesse Morgan